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SUBJECT: 9TH SED CONGRESS: KADAR AND ZHIVKOV SPEECHES

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1. HUNGARIAN FIRST SECRETARY KADAR AND BULGARIAN PARTY

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CHIEF ZHIVKOV BOTH SPOKE ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE SED

CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND DIRECTLY LINKED THIS TO CONCEPT PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN BERLIN (ECC). KADAR EMPHASIZED THE DESIRE OF THE HUNGARIAN PARTY TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE SED IN THE WARSAW PACT AND CEMA, AND ENCOURAGED FURTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH WAS PRO-SOVIET IN TONE, AND IT WAS HARD TO TELL FROM THE TEXT WHETHER HE WAS IN MOSCOW OR BERLIN. ZHIVKOV PRAISED THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP FOR THE "MORAL AND POLITICAL" LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT AND FOR THE SOVIET UNION'S "ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND MILITARY" POWER WHICH MAKES PURSUIT OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS POSSIBLE.

2. BOTH SPEECHES PRAISED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE GDR SINCE WORLD WAR II AND GAVE CREDIT FOR THIS SUCCESS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SED, PARTICULARLY UNDER HONECKER, AND, IN ZHIVKOV'S CASE, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENERGY AND TALENT OF THE "GERMAN PEOPLE."

3. BOTH ALSO REFERRED TO "REVANCHIST" FORCES AT WORK; KADAR MENTIONED THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WHILE ZHIVKOV SPOKE OF THE "MAOIST CHINESE LEADERSHIP" AS PROPONENTS OF AN ANTI-SOVIET POLICY DESIGNED TO SPLIT THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT BUT DOOMED TO FAILURE. KADAR PRAISED THE GDR FOR BEING IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONVENING OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE. ZHIVKOV PROMISED "IMPLACABLE" OPPOSITION TO ANY DEVIATIONS TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT IN CARRYING OUT MARXIST-LENINIST PRINCIPLES.

4. COMMENT: BOTH PARTY LEADERS FIRMLY SUPPORTED SUSLOV AND HONECKER ON PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND THE PROPOSED ECPC IN BERLIN. THEIR PRAISE OF THE GDR AND ITS LEADERSHIP WAS FULSOME AND THEY STRUCK THE RIGHT NOTE WITH THE AUDIENCE WHOSE GREATEST APPLAUSE WAS FOR REFERENCES TO THE SED AND THE GDR. GROVE

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